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OBSERVATION FLIGHTS

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1. THERE HAS BEEN NO GOG COMMENT EITHER PUBLICLY, OR PRIVATELY TO THIS EMBASSY, ON NYT ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL. SOVIET PLANES, OF COURSE, ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC SECTION OF AIRPORT AND NO MEMBER OF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT COULD WITH A STRAIGHT FACE DENY THEIR PRESENCE TO EMBASSY OR DENY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HERE FOR WEEKS AT A TIME AND OPERATE OUT OF GUINEA. BELIEVE MME CISSE PROBABLY ACTING ON HER OWN IN SENDING PROTEST TO USUN (REFTEL B). OTHERWISE GOG WOULD HAVE SENT PROTEST VIA AMBASSADOR TOURE IN WASHINGTON OR TO ME OR TO BOTH.

2. EMBASSY SHARES DEPARTMENT'S HOPES THAT TIMES ARTICLE WILL DIMINISH GUINEAN ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH OPERATIONS. WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN ADDITION TO WHAT SOVIETS MAY HAVE TOLD GUINEANS ABOUT THEIR OBSERVATIONS OF US VESSELS THAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST OR AFRICA, IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT SOVIETS TOLD THEM THAT BEAR AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED EITHER IN

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SUPPORT OF GUINEA OR PAIGC IN GUINEA-BISSAU.

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